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**Via ECF**

The Honorable Martin Glenn  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Southern District of New York  
Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House  
One Bowling Green, Courtroom 523  
New York, NY 10004-1408

Re: *In re Celsius Network LLC*, No. 22-10964 (MG) – Request For  
Clarifications, Additions, and Modifications to Confirmation Hearing  
Procedures

Dear Chief Judge Glenn:

The Debtors write pursuant to Local Rule 7001-1 to request a discovery conference at the Court's convenience regarding the requested deposition of *pro se* creditor Otis Davis. After multiple days of failing to respond to the Debtors' emails, Mr. Davis for the first time today indicated that he will be unable to sit for a deposition until next Wednesday, October 18, 2023. The Debtors therefore request that: (i) Mr. Davis be compelled to sit for a virtual deposition no later than Saturday, October 14, 2023, in advance of the evidentiary hearing; (ii) Mr. Davis be precluded from offering testimony or evidence during the evidentiary hearing until he does sit for a deposition; and/or (iii) testimony and evidence elicited by Mr. Davis to date be stricken from the record in the event he does not sit for a deposition.

**Factual Background.** On September 18, 2023, the Debtors served Mr. Davis with a deposition notice, which was the subject of a discovery hearing the same day, along with the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors' (the "Committee") document and deposition requests. *See Ex. A.* Following that hearing, the Debtors, the Committee, Mr. Davis, and his counsel met and conferred over the Committee's document requests and agreed to defer the deposition at that time. After reviewing Mr. Davis's objection, his other filings, and observing his questioning during the first week of the confirmation hearing, the Debtors renewed their request to depose Mr. Davis. A brief timeline of the parties' deposition-related correspondence follows, *see Ex. B:*

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- October 5, 2023: The Debtors ask Mr. Davis whether he intends to submit written testimony in opposition to confirmation and for his availability for a deposition between October 12-13, 2023.
- October 6, 2023: The Debtors ask again for Mr. Davis's availability for a deposition after not receiving a response from Mr. Davis or his counsel.
- October 7, 2023: Mr. Davis confirms that he plans to give written testimony but does not provide his availability for a deposition. Neither Mr. Davis nor his counsel identify windows of unavailability before the objector phase of the confirmation hearing.
- October 9, 2023 (7:34 a.m. ET): The Debtors ask for Mr. Davis's availability for a deposition between October 11-14, 2023, noting it may require 4-7 hours of uninterrupted time.
- October 9, 2023 (11:43 a.m. ET): Mr. Davis retracts his statement about offering affirmative testimony, noting "after speaking to counsel, we have no clue what the hell you're talking about."
- October 9, 2023 (11:49 a.m. ET): The Debtors explain that written testimony refers to "a statement or declaration under oath that [Mr. Davis] would submit by the 12:00pm ET 10/11 deadline for parties to submit testimony in opposition to confirmation." The Debtors again ask for Mr. Davis's availability for a deposition.
- October 10, 2023: After not receiving a response from Mr. Davis or his counsel, the Debtors ask for Mr. Davis's availability for a deposition between October 11-14, 2023.
- October 10, 2023: Mr. Davis files a motion to allow expert testimony from Hussein Faraj and a supplemental statement. *See* Dkt. No. 3752. Neither Mr. Davis nor his counsel provide Mr. Davis's availability for a deposition or any windows of unavailability.
- October 11, 2023 (10:43 a.m. ET): Still having received no response from Mr. Davis or his counsel, the Debtors ask that Mr. Davis provide his availability for a deposition no later than 2:00 p.m. ET, explaining that—if he fails to do so and refuses to sit for a deposition—the Debtors will move to strike any affirmative testimony or evidence offered by Mr. Davis and also will move to strike questions, answers, and statements made by Mr. Davis during the first week of the confirmation hearing.

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- October 11, 2023 (2:00 p.m. ET): The Debtors confirm that they will move forward with a motion to preclude Mr. Davis's declaration and testimony, any evidence he intends to submits, and any testimony or evidence elicited by Mr. Davis during the first week of confirmation.
- October 11, 2023: Mr. Davis files written testimony in advance of the objector portion of the confirmation hearing and an updated exhibit list. *See* Dkt. Nos. 3769, 3776.
- October 12, 2023: Mr. Davis responds, indicating that he will not sit for deposition without the presence of counsel, and that his counsel is traveling to Puerto Rico from October 12-16, 2023 and will not be able to defend his deposition until October 18, 2023. Mr. Davis claims that he was unaware that the Debtors and the Committee intended to move forward with his deposition, and that he was unaware of any court order authorizing his deposition or notice requesting his deposition. Mr. Davis's counsel was copied on the prior email correspondence and had not indicated any scheduling issues (in fact, he has not responded at all).

**Argument.** It is well established that a party that refuses to sit for a deposition may be precluded from offering trial testimony in support of his or her claim. *See, e.g., Lewis v. City of New York*, 2013 WL 6283507, at \*1 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 4, 2013) (“To allow Downing to testify at trial despite having failed to appear for a deposition on six different occasions, despite having disregarded a court-ordered subpoena, and despite discovery having closed, would not only prejudice Defendants’ ability to defend this case, but would also encourage other potential witnesses to skirt their discovery obligations even after being ordered to comply by the Court.”); *Butler v. Bosclair*, 2012 WL 13024764, at \*2 (N.D.N.Y. July 19, 2012) (“Under all of the circumstances, the Court grants defendant’s motion to preclude the testimony of Dr. Isele based on his failure to appear for deposition.”); *Harewood v. Braithwaite*, 2013 WL 5366391, at \*4 (E.D.N.Y. 2013) (“The Court grants Defendant’s motion with respect to Paul Gibbs based on his refusal to be deposed even when subpoenaed.”). The Debtors therefore request one or more of the following forms of relief: (i) that Mr. Davis be compelled to sit for deposition in advance of October 16, 2023; (ii) that Mr. Davis be precluded from offering testimony or evidence during the objection phase of the confirmation hearing unless and until he sits for a deposition; and (iii) that any testimony or evidence elicited by Mr. Davis to date be stricken from the record.

None of Mr. Davis’s excuses for delaying his deposition has merit. **First**, the fact that Mr. Davis has competing discovery obligations—including the preparation of written testimony and an expert report—does not excuse his (and his counsel’s) multi-day lack of responsiveness to scheduling emails, nor does it explain why he only today disclosed that his counsel was unavailable to defend his deposition until October 18, 2023. Over the same period that the Debtors’ requests went un-responded to, Mr. Davis made multiple public filings and issued dozens of Tweets,

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including on deposition-related topics (albeit to the subpoena issued by Mr. Frishberg). It therefore is not credible to suggest that Mr. Davis and his counsel were unable to respond promptly to the Debtors' discovery correspondence, knowing full well that the parties are operating on an expedited schedule.

**Second**, Mr. Davis's process-related points are equally unfounded. Mr. Davis suggests that no court order authorizes his deposition and that the Debtors failed to issue him a deposition notice. Both contentions are wrong. On October 10, 2023, the Court issued an order making clear that “[t]he period for the Debtors to depose individuals who indicate an intent to submit written testimony in opposition to confirmation is extended to between October 10, 2023 and the day before that witness is proposed to testify.” *See* Dkt. No. 3740 at 1. Despite Mr. Davis's inconsistent statements about whether he would submit testimony, he has done so, *see* Dkt. No. 3769, meaning he falls within the scope of the confirmation procedures order. Moreover, Mr. Davis is incorrect that he did not receive a deposition notice. The Debtors issued a notice to Mr. Davis on September 18, 2023, *see* Ex. A, which Mr. Davis acknowledges he received, *see* Ex. B. Although the Debtors did not immediately move forward with that deposition (in an effort to determine whether it was necessary), it was properly noticed, as both Mr. Davis and his counsel acknowledged at the September 18, 2023, hearing and subsequent meet and confer.

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It is unfair—and costly—to delay these confirmation proceedings because of a purported scheduling conflict of Mr. Davis's own making and that his counsel has not even verified. The Debtors therefore request that the Court order one or more of the following forms of relief: (i) Mr. Davis be compelled to sit for a virtual deposition no later than Saturday, October 14, 2023, in advance of the evidentiary hearing; (ii) Mr. Davis be precluded from offering testimony or evidence during the evidentiary hearing until he does sit for a deposition; and/or (iii) testimony and evidence elicited by Mr. Davis to date be stricken from the record in the event he does not sit for a deposition. The Debtors are available for a discovery hearing at the Court's convenience.

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Sincerely,

*/s/ T.J. McCarrick*

T.J. McCarrick

## **EXHIBIT A**

**From:** [McCarrick, T.J.](#)  
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**Subject:** In re Celsius Network LLC, et al., Case No. 22-10964 (MG) - Deposition Notice  
**Date:** Monday, September 18, 2023 9:22:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [2023.09.18 Debtors Dep. Notice to Otis Davis.pdf](#)

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Mr. Davis-

Please find attached a cross-notice for the deposition scheduled by the UCC for September 20, 2023. The Debtors also are willing to discuss an alternative date that works for your schedule.

Regards,  
T.J.

**T.J. McCarrick**

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
CELSIUS NETWORK LLC, <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	:	Case No. 22-10964 (MG)
Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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**THE DEBTORS' CROSS-NOTICE OF DEPOSITION OF OTIS ALLEN DAVIS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), by and through their counsel, cross-notice the deposition upon oral

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's tax identification number (as applicable), are: Celsius Network LLC (2148); Celsius KeyFi LLC (4414); Celsius Lending LLC (8417); Celsius Mining LLC (1387); Celsius Network Inc. (1219); Celsius Network Limited (8554); Celsius Networks Lending LLC (3390); Celsius US Holding LLC (7956); GK8 Ltd (1209); GK8 UK Limited (0893); and GK8 USA LLC (9450). The location of Debtor Celsius Network LLC's principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is 50 Harrison Street, Suite 209F, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030.

examination of Otis Allen Davis currently scheduled at 9:00am ET on September 20, 2023, at the offices of White & Case LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020, pursuant to the Court's *Notice of Discovery Schedule for Confirmation Hearing* [Dkt. No. 3356]. In the event September 20, 2023, is unavailable, the Debtors will work with the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors and Mr. Davis to find a mutually agreeable time and location.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the parties may attend the deposition in person or remotely. The deposition will be taken upon oral examination before an official authorized by law to administer oaths and will continue from day to day until completed. Pursuant to Rule 30(b)(3), testimony of the witness will be recorded by both stenographic and videographic means.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that any party wishing to attend the deposition must send a written request to attend the deposition to Debtors' counsel at [CelsiusCreditorQuestions@kirkland.com](mailto:CelsiusCreditorQuestions@kirkland.com) by September 19, 2023, at 5:00pm ET. Such written request must indicate whether the party intends to attend in person or remotely. The Debtors are not obligated to honor any request to participate submitted after the deadline. Parties who are not available to attend the deposition may submit questions to [CelsiusCommitteeInquiries@ra.kroll.com](mailto:CelsiusCommitteeInquiries@ra.kroll.com) for consideration by parties who will be participating in the deposition.

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Dated: September 18, 2023  
New York, New York

*/s/ T.J. McCarrick*

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## **EXHIBIT B**

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**From:** [McCarrick, T.J.](#)  
**To:** [OTIS DAVIS](#)  
**Cc:** [Kuethman, Kathryn](#); [Hershey, Samuel](#); [Colodny, Aaron](#); [Koenig, Chris](#); [Ira B. Pollack, Esq.](#); [Brier, Grace C.](#); [Brown, Judson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Immediate CEL token settlement  
**Date:** Thursday, October 12, 2023 9:17:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [2023.10.10 Order Clarying Case Management Procedures.pdf](#)  
[In re Celsius Network LLC et al. Case No. 22-10964 \(MG\) - Deposition Notice.msg](#)

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Mr. Davis-

This email will not respond to the multiple inaccuracies and overstatements in your email below. Suffice it to say that it is not credible to suggest that, at the same time you had the time to respond to Mr. Frishberg's subpoena submissions, Tweet about these Chapter 11 cases, submit a declaration in opposition to confirmation, and work with Mr. Faraj to prepare an expert, you (and your counsel who has been cc'ed on all of these communications) did not have time to send a scheduling email or provide windows of availability or unavailability for a deposition. Nor is it credible to suggest that you believed the discovery process had concluded, after the Debtors had emailed you and your counsel on October 5, 6, 9, 10, and 11 indicating their intention to take your deposition.

As to formal process, on October 10, 2023, the Court ruled that “[t]he period for the Debtors to depose individuals who indicate an intent to submit written testimony in opposition to confirmation is extended to between October 10, 2023, and the day before that witness is proposed to testify.” See Dkt. No. 3740 at 1 (attached). Because you are an individual who has submitted proposed written testimony (and expert testimony), you fall within the scope of that order. In terms of a subpoena, the Debtors served a notice on September 18, 2023 (as reflected in the attached email correspondence), but deferred finalizing a date until after the objection deadline passed and the first week of the confirmation hearing concluded. The record therefore is clear that the Court has authorized the Debtors to take this deposition, and that the Debtors had previously served a subpoena requesting your deposition.

At no point have the Debtors remotely suggested—or attempted to obstruct—the presence of counsel at your deposition. Notwithstanding his vacation, we expect that Mr. Pollack will make himself available for a virtual deposition in advance of the second week of confirmation, and propose Saturday afternoon, 10/14 and/or Sunday afternoon, 10/15. Given Mr. Pollack's failure to respond on this email, it unclear to the Debtors why this is the first time we are hearing of Mr. Pollack's conflict. We don't expect to use the full 7 hours allowed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for your deposition, and propose breaking the deposition into two 3.5 hour segments—one tomorrow, and one Saturday afternoon. (Again, we do not anticipate using close to the full amount of time).

Regards,  
T.J.

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**From:** OTIS DAVIS <[otisd1234@icloud.com](mailto:otisd1234@icloud.com)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Immediate CEL token settlement

**This message is from an EXTERNAL SENDER**

Be cautious, particularly with links and attachments.

Mr. McCarrick,

What the HECK? You think I sit around and monitor my email all day or something? I do have a life. After a long and tiresome few days of working literally around the clock with getting an expert (Hussein Faraj) and putting another filing on Stretto, I am tired as hell and simply disconnected and took a break to rest. I don't need to tell you how tiring this stuff is and how much it takes out of you to do all this work. After all, all of you collectively are billing the estate \$20 million a month; as Chris Ferraro said in court last week, "Our burn rate is \$20 million a month."

You indicated that you want to depose me for 4 to 7 hours, and I decided that I want my attorney at this deposition, being that it will be so long. The attorney that I retained solely for the discovery process, as you know, is Ira B. Pollack. After I produced the documents to White & Case and you, I thought that discovery was over.

I reached out to my attorney yesterday, Ira B. Pollack, who is CC'd on this email, and he told me he's going to Puerto Rico tomorrow (meaning today) on vacation and that he won't be back until Monday, October 16th, but also that he won't have any availability until Wednesday October 18th because of the length of the deposition. I want my attorney at this deposition that you guys all of a sudden want again, even though you had all the time in September to do this. You could have asked the Judge about this when we were before him regarding the Production of Documents a few weeks ago when Samuel Hershey and I were in front of your Honor.

Also, please send me the Order that requires you to take my deposition. Perhaps you can refresh my recollection. I don't remember the judge giving an order

specifically saying you can depose Otis Davis. You are the lawyer, so I'm sure you can explain it very well.

Back in late August, early September, you indicated when I was producing documents to White & Case (Samuel Hershey) and yourself based on the Request for Production of Documents served on me that you (more specifically Chris Koenig from your firm) wanted to take my deposition then. I produced the documents requested and I didn't hear anything more about a deposition from your side, which I told my attorney that we are finished, they don't want to depose me anymore. You had plenty of time back then to take my deposition. Now all of a sudden you want my deposition just because you say so. Did you serve me with a Subpoena to take my deposition? No, you did not. Did you serve me with a Notice? No, you did not. You're saying it's the discovery process, but I would feel much more comfortable if your Honor tells me that, since I simply don't trust you in this process, based on your past bullying and threatening tactics.

Also, you need to let me and my attorney know the scope of the deposition and also a time limit. I would much prefer to hear the scope and time limit from the Judge, not you. If the judge orders me to appear for a deposition, I have no choice but to do so, but I would also ask your Honor to put a time limit on such a deposition, and that time limit should not be 4 to 7 hours. Please let us know the scope of the deposition you are requesting and also a time limit. I also don't appreciate your threats. I have an absolute right to have my counsel at this deposition and I am exercising that right. If you don't want me having counsel at this deposition, take it up with the Judge. I don't sit around and monitor my email all day long. I have things to do and a life to live.

Best

Otis Davis

On Oct 11, 2023, at 2:00 PM, McCarrick, T.J. <[tj.mccarrick@kirkland.com](mailto:tj.mccarrick@kirkland.com)> wrote:

Otis-

Having not heard from you, we'll be moving forward tomorrow with a motion to preclude your declaration/testimony, any evidence (including expert testimony) you intend to submit, and any testimony elicited by you during the first week of confirmation. Having received a subpoena—and now having submitted testimony—you cannot insulate yourself from the discovery process all other litigants are subject to.

Regards,

T.J.

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**From:** McCarrick, T.J.

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023 10:43 AM

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**Subject:** RE: Immediate CEL token settlement

Otis-

Please provide your availability for a deposition between tomorrow and 10/15 no later than 2pm today. Despite making numerous public filings, including your most recent filing indicating your intention to submit expert testimony, you have not offered any dates or times. In the event you do not do so, or refuse to sit for a deposition, the Debtors will move to strike any affirmative testimony and evidence (expert or otherwise) that you will offer and also will move to strike and questions, answers, or statements made during the first phase of the confirmation hearing.

Regards,

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**From:** McCarrick, T.J.

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023 12:21 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Immediate CEL token settlement

Hi Otis-

Following up on the below: when are you available between tomorrow and 10/15 for a deposition? Just trying to nail down scheduling on our end.

Regards,  
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**From:** McCarrick, T.J.  
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Thanks, Otis. By written testimony, I mean a statement or declaration under oath that you would submit by the 12:00pm ET 10/11 deadline for parties to submit testimony in opposition to confirmation. So, to the extent you intend to submit such a statement or exhibits that you intend to offer at the hearing, we'd ask for your availability this week for a deposition.

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T.J. I'm just realizing what you want, after speaking to one of my attorneys. I know I said "yes," but after speaking to counsel, we have no clue what the hell you're talking about regarding written testimony. So what the heck you talking about written testimony? What do you mean?

From what I understand what you're asking, I do not plan on giving written testimony.

Best, Otis Davis

On Oct 9, 2023, at 7:34 AM, McCarrick, T.J. <[tj.mccarrick@kirkland.com](mailto:tj.mccarrick@kirkland.com)> wrote:

Great, thanks for confirming Otis. Please let us know when you are available between Wednesday and Saturday for a virtual deposition. It likely will require 4-7 hours of uninterrupted time.

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**Subject:** Re: Immediate CEL token settlement

T.J.,

I wasn't sure if I was going to give any written testimony, but I thought about it over the weekend and I DO plan to give written testimony.

Best, Otis

On Oct 6, 2023, at 3:57 PM, McCarrick, T.J. <[tj.mccarrick@kirkland.com](mailto:tj.mccarrick@kirkland.com)> wrote:

Following up on the below regarding availability next week for the previously-noticed deposition.

Regards,

T.J.

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Dear Ira/Otis-

Do you intend to submit written testimony in advance of the objector portion of the confirmation hearing? If so, the Debtors intend to take your deposition and would ask for your availability between October 12-13.

Regards,

T.J.

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1:30 PM is fine.

On Sep 21, 2023, at 12:33 PM, Kuethman, Kathryn <[kathryn.kuethman@whitecase.com](mailto:kathryn.kuethman@whitecase.com)> wrote:

Hi Otis,

Are you available at 1:30pm? We have conflicts at 1:00pm. If so, I can send out a dial in.

Best,  
Kathryn

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Let me speak to Ira. 1 PM today works for me.

On Sep 21, 2023, at 9:20 AM,  
Hershey, Samuel  
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wrote:

Otis, I am narrowing this group  
and also adding Ira for  
awareness.

I appreciate your agreement last  
night to keep these documents  
confidential, while reserving the  
right to use them in your  
objection. As TJ notes, there is a  
procedure for using confidential  
documents in court filings, called  
“sealing,” which we would be  
happy to discuss further with you.

Following up on our discussion

last night, I'd like to find a time  
today for you, the Committee and  
the Debtors to discuss settlement.  
Please let us know times that  
work for you and we will get  
something scheduled.

Best,  
Sam

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Otis-

The documents speak for themselves and plainly do not show any involvement or misconduct by Mr. Ferraro in connection with CEL Token. Although these documents were not requested by you (or properly produced by you by the UCC), we do not intend to claw them back. Please note, however, that the documents are marked highly confidential, meaning that—to the extent they are used in connection with any pleading—they should be redacted and/or filed under seal.

Regards,  
T.J.

**T.J. McCarrick**

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Samuel,

Please say a big thank you to your colleague Carolyn Garland for what she sent me. This document proves that executives in the company, including Chris Ferraro, the current Celsius CEO, and other senior managers were preparing presentations that were later shown to

FTX and other outsiders without the knowledge or approval of the CEO or board of directors. These presentations are the root cause for the collapse of the CEL token in the month of June, and the massive withdrawals starting June 6, 2022, immediately after these renegade officers reached out to FTX without authorization. The UCC already obtained the discovery from FTX which confirms the hostile takeover I'm describing organized by Chris Ferraro. I look forward to seeing all this information displayed proudly in court at the confirmation hearing. I look forward to showing everybody that Chris Ferraro and other top executives are at the root cause for the collapse of Celsius.

It's clear from this Slack exchange you sent me that Chris Ferraro and other senior executives have conspired to hijack the

company, instead of focusing on protecting my and other creditors' assets.

I'm sure Judge Glenn would be very excited to learn the real truth about what really happened to Celsius, and CEL token because you guys have been lying since July 2022, and spending tens of millions of creditors' money fighting CEL token holders, including me and blaming them for the ills of the company, including its collapse.

Upon this new and previously hidden information I demand a settlement for everyone in the CEL token group.

The first Celsius drawdown was TerraLuna; the collapse was Chris Ferraro.

Best, Otis Davis

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:

CELSIUS NETWORK LLC, et al.,

Debtors.

Case No. 22-10964 (MG)

**ORDER CLARIFYING CASE MANAGEMENT  
PROCEDURES FOR THE CONFIRMATION HEARING (MODIFICATION #2)**

The Order Establishing Case Management Procedures for the Confirmation Hearing was entered on September 15, 2023. (“Procedures Order,” ECF Doc. # 3478.) On September 20, 2023, the Procedures Order was modified pursuant to the Order Clarifying Case Management Procedures for the Confirmation Hearing (Modification #1). (ECF Doc. # 3509.) On October 9, 2023, Debtors’ counsel submitted a letter, requesting certain additional clarifications, additions, and modifications to the Procedures Order. (ECF Doc. # 3738.)

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Extension of Deposition Period for Declarants in Opposition to Confirmation.

The period for the Debtors to depose individuals who indicate an intent to submit written testimony in opposition to confirmation is extended to between October 10, 2023 and the day before that witness is proposed to testify.

2. Procedures Governing Remote Testimony. Any requests for remote testimony made in compliance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 43(a) in accordance with paragraph 6 of the Procedures Order must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. (ET) on October 12, 2023. In the event remote testimony is permitted, declarants and/or other witnesses are required to appear on camera for all portions of questioning.

3. Order of Opposition Declarants. The Debtors' request for the Court to disclose the tentative order in which the Court anticipates taking testimony from declarants or other witnesses in opposition to confirmation is approved.

4. Exhibits and Demonstratives for Cross Examination. Any exhibits and demonstratives that parties-in-interest intend to use during cross examination must be filed on the docket no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) the day before a witness is expected to testify.

5. Rebuttal Evidence in Support of Confirmation. Parties are permitted to submit rebuttal declarations and exhibits in support of confirmation of the plan upon the close of the opposition phase of the Confirmation Hearing. Such rebuttal declarations and exhibits must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) on October 18, 2023.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: October 10, 2023  
New York, New York

/s/ Martin Glenn  
MARTIN GLENN  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge